

I. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 are hereby cancelled, without prejudice, from prosecution in the instant application.

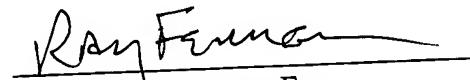
II. CONCLUSION

Entry of the above amendment into the official record, and substantive examination of the case at an early date are kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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